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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: GEL-SWELLABLE LAYERS ON FIBERS, FIBER RIBBONS AND BUFFER TUBES

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel claims 11, 25 and 38 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

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1. (Amended) A fiber optic cable, comprising:
- an outer layer;
 - at least one optical fiber disposed inside said outer layer; and
 - a gel-swellable portion and water resistant gel positioned adjacent to each other and disposed between said outer layer and said optical fiber;
- wherein said gel-swellable portion absorbs at least some of said gel, and wherein said gel-swellable portion swells more than 10% at 85°C.
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